

Covenant for participatory and grassroots democracy in the EU

Decalogue for a united and democratic Europe inclusive: an instrument for peace in a globalized world

1. ensure the “Rule of Law”: supremacy of law, right to have rights, non-discrimination, separation of powers, sanctions against the abuse of power – to complete the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice, respecting Fundamental Rights and democratic principles;
2. preserve and enhance cultural diversity, starting from cities and regions, within the framework of a multilevel identity, which characterizes the European model, since it is at local level that cohesion and integration succeed or fail;
3. guarantee the right to asylum of and the hospitality to those who flee war, political persecution, starvation, natural disasters, and land grabbing, in the framework of a true foreign and inclusive policy engaging all the Member States and local communities; renew and enhance the cooperation policy with the countries on the Mediterranean rim and Africa, including a European Plan of Investments, based on public/private partnerships; govern migratory flows through supranational measures and instruments;
4. guarantee the right to external security, through the progressive integration of national military instruments for peace keeping and peace building, a common foreign policy and the establishment of a European *peace corps*; guarantee the right to internal security by reinforcing the fight against transnational organized crime, corruption and terrorism, laying the foundation for a European criminal law, reinforcing the powers of the European Public Prosecutor, and creating a common Intelligence Agency, with full respect for the prerogatives of the EP and national parliaments;
5. give the EMU an economic government based on democratic political institutions: overcoming the distinction between supranational monetary policy, intergovernmental economic policies, and national social policies, respecting the principle that the Euro is the single currency of the entire Union, with the obligation for all Member States to adopt it and creating the political and financial instruments necessary to ensure a shared prosperity;
6. adopt a long-term budget with a five-year term 2021-2025, to be adapted yearly according to short term necessities, based on a fiscal capacity independent from national budgets with truly own resources, strengthened by loans and mortgages to guarantee long-term, innovative investments, and provided with the amount necessary to provide citizens with public goods of European dimension;
7. adopt more effective measures to promote the convergence between the Member States, reduce inequalities between regions and between citizens with a strong European Cohesion Policy, and create a European Welfare, with a full and binding implementation of the principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights adopted in Goteborg, creating the conditions for a renewed social dialogue, the characterizing element of economic democracy;
8. make the EU, and its industrial, technological, and scientific policies a model for ecological transition, fully implementing the Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations in 2015, and the Paris Agreements signed in 2016;
9. create a true European federal citizenship, as an added value to national citizenship, provided with an autonomous core of individual and collective political, civic, cultural, economic and social Rights, strengthened by the subscription to the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and to the Reviewed European Social Charter signed in Turin, in a first significant step forward with the introduction of transnational lists for the election of the EP, with due respect for gender equality;
10. start a constituent phase for a united, inclusive and democratic Europe, through the election in the spring of 2019, on the occasion of the EP renewal, among the countries and the peoples that will wish to do so, of a “Congress” with the mandate to draw up the Fundamental Law for a future federal Community, democratically approved by means of a pan-European referendum.

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